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### FLIM-FLAMMED.

The Hon. John Early, of Chattanooga, in the opinion of some persons, is only a sham candidate for Governor. He has been put forth to draw the fire of the opposition and later, when the batteries have been unmasked some strong candidate will be named by those in authority. This they think will be done in about the same manner as the delegates to the recent Davidson County farce were selected. This, we say, is the opinion of many persons throughout the state. Whether the opinion is correct or not, we do not know, but we do know that whether Mr. Early is to be a real or a sham candidate the leaders of the premature Davidson County Convention have placed themselves in a bad light by bringing out such an obnoxious candidate—whether he be a real or sham candidate—as Mr. Early. They have placed every member of the convention in the position of endorsing the disfranchisement of the Negro.

What have the leaders to say in explanation of the incongruous act of a convention containing a large number of Negroes, endorsing according to orders a man who would make it impossible for a majority of the race to vote? Speak out, gentlemen. You are responsible for the action of the Convention. Three-fourths of the committee-appointed delegates present knew nothing of Mr. Early nor his record, hence simply followed their leaders. Speak out, Mr. Wills, Mr. Napier, Mr. Brock. The delegates were flim-flammed and we want to know if you, gentlemen, are the innocent victims of some one higher up or whether it was by your initiative that the committee-appointed convention was bamboozled into endorsing Mr. John Early.

### THE COUNTY FARM.

If the conditions outlined by the correspondent whose card appears on our communication column, obtain at the County Farm or workhouse, the County Court has a job upon its hands that needs immediate attention. These charges have been made repeatedly and there seems to be some truth in them. But Wednesday, after the article in the other column was in our hands, two boys—white boys we believe—accepted a term of three years each in the penitentiary in preference to eleven months and twenty-nine days upon the county farm. One of the boys had served a sentence upon the farm.

No one expects the County penal institutions to be conducted as a resort where criminals may take the rest cure; but it is expected that inhumanities shall not be practiced under the name of the law. Ordinary comforts should be provided and persons convicted of misdemeanors should not be so exposed that their health will be impaired.

The charge that women are compelled to do such work as is stated in the communication is one that grates upon the sensibilities of any true man. While we cannot vouch for the absolute truth of the charges, we do think that there is something wrong and that Judge Pollard should have the matter investigated and reforms initiated if needed.

### A SMOOTH ARTIST.

Mr. Roosevelt is the smoothest politician before the American people. By his own confession he is the one honest man before the people. At what might be termed the psychological moment of any contest in which he is concerned, he can always be depended upon to give vent to some opinion in vigorous English that will serve to make sentiment as he would have it be. He can be depended upon to give his opinion at such a time that his opponent will be unable to give a reply that will be effective.

The famous reply of Mr. Roosevelt to Judge Parker's allegation that the trusts were contributing funds to secure the election of the republican ticket is history. Likewise is the fact that the reply came at a time when it was impossible for Judge Parker to get a reply before the people. Mr. Roosevelt's recent special message which attracted almost universal attention because of its radical nature, came at a time so as to crowd the speech of Gov. Charles E. Hughes out of most of the daily papers. The message by its intemperate tone served to detract attention from the man who is looming as a formidable opponent of Judge Taft.

Now at last Mr. Roosevelt, to influence the primary vote in Ohio and, at the same time, if possible, give good standing to the office-holders' conventions being organized in the interest of Taft in the South, has issued a statement denying that federal patronage is being used to accomplish the nomination of Judge Taft. In this case he followed the same tactics used in the Parker letter; a ringing statement at a time when it would not be dwarfed by other news of great importance and at such a time that proof offered in rebuttal would be too late to effect the result he desired.

Mr. Roosevelt, also, has permitted First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock to obtain a leave of absence to come South and organize the office-holders for Mr. Taft. Mr. Hitchcock will not be connected with the Post-office Department while on this gumshoe mission, but the office-holders thoroughly understand that after the National Convention he will either be Chairman of the National Committee or back in the Post-office Department. Of a consequence the office holding republicans of the South are liable to accept every suggestion made by Mr. Hitchcock and endeavor to bring the South solid for his candidate. Teddy is a politician from the jump and is making the effort of his life to force his will upon the whole republican party.

Florida fired the first gun in the campaign for delegates to the republican convention. The office-holders being unable to control the selection of delegates pledged to Mr. Taft, bolted the convention and two sets of delegates were named. It was the action of this Convention, it is said, that caused Mr. Hitchcock to temporarily step out of the Post-office Department and take charge of Mr. Taft's campaign in the South. It begins to dawn upon the astute administration forces at Washington that the 521 votes for Taft in the republican convention won't be as easily obtained as they once thought. The South is liable to be solid as they thought, but the solidity, to use a paradox, will be in split delegations.

On the same principle that Mr. Taft finds it a matter of congratulation that in some of the Southern states the legislatures have made the

law to comply with what previously had been accomplished by fraud, we can congratulate the race because Roosevelt dismissed the black soldiers and the War Department has tried to justify the action! Some pessimist said that the road to hell is paved with good intentions; but Mr. Taft is such a confirmed optimist that one would not be surprised to hear him say that hell itself is paved with good deeds!

The man with the office bug is trying to connect with the side that appears to have the best chance. But what, if after all this maneuvering, Tennessee should turn up with a split delegation and the opponents of the administrations should control the Committee on Credentials? Would it be as easy for the men with the bug to fly from Taft to some other candidate as they did from Roosevelt to Taft?

The Colored Republican Club of New York City recently gave a banquet in honor of Mr. Charles W. Anderson, Collector Internal Revenue for the Second District of New York, that was a notable affair. Men prominent in all the walks of life were present to pay tribute to the leader who is a living exemplar of his own saying: "All things come to them that wait, providing they hustle while they wait."

From the news contained in the democratic papers it appears that after all, these premature snap conventions are not to go uncontested. Honesty and fair dealing pay best in the long run, even in politics.

In the death of Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite the Baptists of Alabama lose one of their most influential leaders, and the people of Birmingham lose one of their most progressive citizens.

Than his sore arm and the odor of some one else's asafetida bag, the average man would rather have a case of small pox.

## COMMUNICATION.

### Treatment of Negro Prisoners.

To the Nashville Globe:

I wonder if the Negro citizens of Davidson County have ever thought of the treatment of the Negro prisoners of Davidson County? A prisoner is sent to the county road for a term of six months and it rains, or for some cause he cannot work for two-thirds of the time. He has to serve six months with no note given the time that it rained. He also has to serve time to pay for the food that he ate during the time he was unable to work.

Secondly, the Negro women have to carry a heavy drill or sledge all day, and if she is sick, or makes complaint of being tired she is whipped so that she is unable to sit down. This whipping is administered to men and women on their backs.

When these unfortunate men are out on the road no less than twenty are compelled to sleep in a common express wagon chained together. If during the night a man is sick, or for some necessary cause he wants to get up, it is left entirely to the guard whether he is permitted to do so. If he is not permitted and makes complaint more than once he is beaten unmercifully.

Last summer, for three months, the county prisoners were camped on Harding pike, down beside a creek where malaria and other disease germs were prevalent—the worst place on the road. This is not a third of the inhuman treatment that is accorded Negro men and women, who are unfortunate enough to be sent to the county road. Some time ago a man was sentenced to a term of 11 months and 29 days on the county road. Rather than serve 11 months and 29 days on the county road, he accepted a term of two years in the penitentiary. Now, if the treatment given the prisoners on the road is as good as that in the penitentiary, would a man enslave himself for two years when he could be free in one?

These people, although criminal, are human, and deserve human treatment. The prisoner cannot make any complaint to the public, for if he does, he is beaten unmercifully. When he gets out and tells it, the answer that he receives is, "You had no business in there." True enough. They have no business to get in, but remember that a man sent to serve time ought

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not to have to suffer death day after day.

Now you will ask where I got this information. The answer is, from those who have been there and from close observation when passing the unfortunate prisoners when at their work. No one is permitted to stand near them while they are working or any other time, but is driven off from them. This is so that you may not learn the conditions existing around these little hells.

HUGO STOKES.

### Retribution.

To the Nashville Globe:

Still the "Night Riders" of the sovereign commonwealth of Kentucky go merrily on, committing their depredations against law and order without let or hindrance. Robin Hood and his merry gang in the forests of England were less bold than the incendiaries of the far-famed "Blue Grass State." Poor old Kentucky! She has been torn and rent for years by bloody feuds, and now she has a more aggravating species or problem of lawlessness on her hands. It has assumed such proportions that she seems powerless to cope with it. The revival of her ancient sobriquet, "The dark and bloody ground," would most fittingly characterize her in this day of sore travail and disorder.

What is going on in Kentucky is what will leave its serpentine trail over the whole South some day. The lessons of lawlessness, which have been thoroughly taught throughout the South, to be practiced upon the helpless and inoffensive of its citizenry, are now recoiling to torment the children of the instructors. Nothing is surer than the old truth, "You shall reap what you sow." It is as sure as the fiat of Fate. The Grecians in putting that same fact, stated it in their own classical way by saying, "Chickens will come home to roost." Poor, distressed "Old Kentucky!" Her chickens of lawlessness are coming home to roost!

Nearly every night sees the property of some of her citizens going up in flame and smoke, the work of anarchistic members of the community. Conflagrations, like midnight bonfires, constantly light the darkened skies of Kentucky, telling in a way more accurate and forceful than words that torch and firebrand have been applied and the results and accumulation of the labors of probably a lifetime swept away by ruthless destruction. The sowing and then the reaping.

The Night Riders are a worthy progeny of their lawless ancestors, the Ku Klux Klans, a damnable organization that came into existence to bully and cow a man who had been scourged and belashed and demoralized through nearly two and a half centuries. These men who are now burning up Kentucky, were impressionable youths in the '70s, when the flood-gates of every sort of wrong were opened against a newly emancipated and defenseless people. The Old South taught those who were to make the New South such lessons of disregard for law, that now, when, serpentine, it fangs itself, it can do nothing but writhe and squirm in its own self-inflicted misery. The sickler of retribution is wielding his scythe; the sowing has been done, now comes the reaping. The unchecked crime that stalks abroad in Kentucky is but the prelude to the great, tragic industrial upheavals that will some day banish peace and wring the soul of the South. But there is a part of her people that has ever been true and unwavering in their loyalty and allegiance to her welfare and best traditions—these will stand fast and support her in the dark days that are coming on, despite the fact they have been denied the most common rights of humanity.

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### MURDEROUS WHITECAPPERS.

The murderous work of the Whitecappers in attacking the homes of Toney Nickelson and Elias Harrison, well-to-do colored men near Trenton, Tenn., where a lot of colored people had gathered to enjoy themselves, was done on the claim that there were bootlegging and carousing going on. Nickelson and Harrison, it is reported, were ordered to leave their homes several months ago. But owing to the fact they owned their homes and knew they had a right to remain, they refused to go. So Saturday night a gang of whitecappers unceremoniously and without warning opened fire upon those gathered there, pouring in fusillade after fusillade of bullets. The firing was returned by those in a house owned by Harrison. If the law were being violated by those gathered there, then officers of the law should have seen to it that those guilty of such violation were punished. Indiscriminate shooting among women and men, granting that it was done upon the supposition that the law was being violated, was simply an attempt to remedy a lesser crime by a greater and graver one. Several persons were shot.

### CHINA WEDDING.

The twentieth anniversary of Captain and Mrs. Richardson's marriage on February 5, was one of the most brilliant entertainments ever given in Nashville. Their home at 1015 Sixteenth avenue, North, was beautifully lighted with colored lights and decorated with potted plants, palms and cut flowers for the occasion. The hostess wore a very pretty gown of pearl gray with shell pink and lace trimmings, and was assisted in receiving by Mrs. E. F. Gibson, Miss Lillian P. Pruitt, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Miss Grace Frank, of New York. Miss Elvora Berry and Miss Charley J. Rosenberg presided at the punch bowl. Supper was served in two courses: chicken salad, orange marmalade, reception wafers, sandwiches, Neapolitan brick cream and cake, heart-shaped mints, salted almonds, chocolate and coffee. Three hundred and forty-one pieces of beautiful china were received.